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Sir:

In connection with the Office Action dated June 13, 2007 in the above-entitled application, Applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension in which to file a response, from September 13, 2007 to November 13, 2007.

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